GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2735
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2002
AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND QATAR
A. VENKATESH NAIK;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussion was held between India and Qatar to consolidate their energy partnership as reported in the `Hindu` dated July 17, 2002;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the areas identified for future cooperation by the two countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. An agreement for supply of 5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) of LNG for Dahej and 2.5 MMTPA for Cochin have already been signed between Petronet LNG Limited and RasGas of Qatar.The Dahej Project is to be commissioned by 2003. Various issues on the LNG supply and timely completion of the projects were discussed in the meeting held on 15-16th July, 2002.

(c) India-Qatar Joint Commission for Economic and Technical Cooperation periodically meets to discuss the issues of mutual interest of both the countries in the areas of Hydrocarbon, Telecommunication, Civil Aviation, Industry, Manpower, Science & Technology, Culture etc.